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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR PANAMA DESIGNATED CARRIER FOR PANAMA-
HAVANA SERVICE

REF: A. OTTAWA 2717; B. PANAMA 3749 (NOTAL; C. PANAMA
0691 (NOTAL)

1. PANAMANIAN CIVIL AERONAUTICS DIRECTORATE (DAC) HAS
ANNOUNCED DESIGNATION OF AIR PANAMA AS LOCAL CARRIER TO
SERVE PANAMA CITY-HAVANA ROUTE UNDER RECENT PANAMA-CUBA
AIR AGREEMENT. DAC DEPUTY DIRECTOR (VON SEIDLITZ) INFORMED
EMBOFF THAT DAC HAD RESISTED PRESSURES FROM AIR PANAMA
AND COPA TO NAME CARRIER FOR ROUTE IN BELIEF THAT POTENTIAL
TRAFFIC WAS INSUFFICIENT FOR PROFITABLE OPERATION BY EITHER.
HOWEVER, AIR PANAMA HAD INTENSIFIED LOBBYING FOR ROUTE
FOLLOWING OAS DECISION ON SUBA SANCTIONS, INDICATING ROUTE
WOULD BE UTILIZED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANTICIPATED
SERVICE TO MONTREAL. VON SEIDLITZ SAID HE HAD HEARD
RUMOR THAT CAB HAD REFUSED AIR PANAMA REQUEST FOR
TECHNICAL, NON-COMMERCIAL STOP IN U.S. ON PROPOSED
PANAMA CITY-MONTREAL ROUTE, ALTHOUGH AIR PANAMA HAD
NOT REPORTED ANY SUCH APPLICATION TO DAC. HE BELIEVED
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IT MIGHT BE MONTHS BEFORE NECESSARY APPROVALS WOULD

BE OBTAINED BY AIR PANAMA TO BEGIN PANAMA CITY-MONTREAL
(AND THUS ALSO PANAMA CITY-HAVANA) SERVICE INDICATING
THAT PRESENT PANAMA-CANADA AIR AGREEMENT PROVIDES ONLY
FOR SERVICE VIA MEXICO AND WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED.
CUBA WOULD ALSO HAVE TO AGREE AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY USE
OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS AGAIN FOR FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS
BETWEEN PANAMA AND LIMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH CUBANA AIR-
LINES WEEKLY PANAMA CITY-HAVANA SERVICE WHICH BEGAN
JULY 24.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON AIR PANAMA
APPLICATION TO CAB RELATING TO MONTREAL SERVICE MENTIONED
IN REF A.
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